

STATE OF NEBRASKA



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Life Safety Code Requirements For Existing Residential Board and Care Occupancies



STATE FIRE MARSHAL
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Large facilities – More Than 16 Residents

***A facility classified as Impractical to Evacuate shall meet the requirements of a Limited Care Facility.**

Construction Type	One hour protection for structure or fire sprinkler protection, except that a one story unrated building with up to 30 residents having Prompt Evacuation Capability does not require fire sprinkler protection.
Means of Egress	At least two exits shall be provided from all floors.
Arrangement of Means of Egress	Maximum dead end: 50 feet Maximum Common Path of Travel: 110 feet, 160 feet if fire sprinkler protected. Maximum Travel Distance from resident room door to an exit: 100 feet, 200 feet if fire sprinkler protected.
Locks on Doors	Locks requiring more than a single action to open are not permitted on egress doors, unless delayed egress locks are provided.
Discharge from Exits	Exits shall be enclosed with rated construction.
Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs	Buildings with more than 25 sleeping rooms shall have emergency lighting, unless each room has an exit directly to the exterior. Exit signs are required.
Vertical Openings	Vertical openings must be enclosed except as noted below. Two story openings are permitted when fire sprinkler protection is provided. Vertical openings that are not part of a means of egress are permitted when fire sprinkler protection is provided.

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□ **FLAMMABLE LIQUID
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□ **TRAINING DIVISION**
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Hazardous Areas	Hazard areas such as boiler and heater rooms, laundries, repair shops and storage rooms shall be separated by one hour rated construction or fire sprinkler protection.
Interior Finish	Class A or B, Class C permitted when fire sprinkler protected.
Fire Alarm System	Required unless each sleeping room has exterior exit access and the building is less than four stories in height. The alarm system shall include manual operation and occupant notification.
Smoke Detection	All corridors and common spaces must have smoke detection that is tied to the fire alarm system. The detection in the common spaces may be deleted when fire sprinkler protected. Smoke detection in the sleeping rooms is required unless fire sprinkler protected.
Fire Sprinkler System	Not required. NFPA 13R permitted.
Fire Extinguishers	Required near hazardous areas.
Exit Access	Access to exits shall not pass through or be exposed to an open living area or other common space unless fire sprinkler protected or as noted below. A facility classified as Prompt with less than three stories that provides at least one exit that is not open to living areas; or when smoke detection is provided in living areas and the furnishings in the living area are flame resistant.
Corridor Walls	20 minute fire rated with 20 minute rated doors or existing 1 3/4 inch thick doors, unless fire sprinkler protected; or the building is classified as Prompt, is less than three stories in height and has a maximum of 30 residents.
Door Closers	Door closers are required unless fire sprinkler protected.
Smoke Barriers	A nonrated smoke barrier is required unless fire sprinkler protected, or the aggregate corridor length on each floor is not more than 150 feet, or each sleeping room has exterior exit access.